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IN MEMORIAM: RAYMOND O. WALDKOETTER, JR., EDD

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The Monroe Institute® lost a dear friend and longtime supporter with the passing of Ray Waldkoetter on January 22, 2010, due to heart failure. Ray was a personal friend of Bob Monroe's from the "early days" and had done some of the pioneering experiments to test the efficacy of the Hemi-Sync® process with U.S. Army personnel at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Ray regularly presented the results of those studies on auditory guidance at the annual Military Testing Association conferences. In 2009, his reports were an invaluable part of TMI's successful application for accreditation to become a provider of continuing education credits.

Behind Ray's calm, modest demeanor and wonderful smile was a keen intellect. Ray lived a busy and full life, graduating with a bachelor's degree (Phi Beta Kappa), master's degree, and doctorate in education from Indiana University. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, taught at a men's college in Ghana, and served as the dean of students at Shepherdstown College in West Virginia before finally returning to Indiana for thirty-plus years in the Army Civil Service.

A very important part of Ray's life, for him and for all of us, was his active participation and vital contribution to TMI. He was a strong supporter for many years, as a founding member of the Professional Division and a member of the TMI's Board of Advisors. Ray regularly attended the professional seminars until recent health problems restricted his travel. I had the privilege of rooming with Ray several times, which gave me the opportunity to enjoy many interesting conversations and get to know him as a friend. He was always surprised and delighted when he had a "good experience" with the Hemi-Sync exercises on the Hemi-Sync Intensive day that was part of every seminar. I suspect that this modest and humble man did not realize how much his enthusiasm for life was appreciated and enjoyed by others at all levels.

Ray's wife, Mary, passed away in 2004, and he is survived by a sister, four daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and innumerable friends who will miss him dearly.

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